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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.nj.gov/bpu/

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

OAKTREE DENTAL, LLC, Petitioner v.) ORDER ADOPTING INITIAL DECISION) SETTLEMENT)
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, Respondent.) BPU DOCKET NO. EC08060404U) OAL DOCKET NO. PUC 6300-08)

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On June 12, 2008, Oaktree Dental, LLC ("Petitioner") filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") requesting a formal hearing related to a billing dispute with Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("Respondent").

After the filing of Respondent's answer, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law ("OAL") for hearing and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. This matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Douglas H. Hurd.

While this matter was pending at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and entered into and signed a Stipulation of Settlement ("Settlement") that was submitted to the ALJ. By Initial Decision issued on April 29, 2009, and submitted to the Board on May 6, 2009, to which the Settlement was attached and made part thereof, ALJ Hurd found that the Settlement was voluntary, that its terms fully disposed of all issues in controversy, and that it satisfied the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, Respondent agreed to credit Petitioner's account for electric and gas service in the amount of \$4,565.20, which represents \$3,754.93 for electric and gas service and a late payment charge of \$810.27. Additionally, Petitioner agreed to pay an outstanding overdue balance on the account in the amount of \$725.00 within 60 days and, going forward, to continue to pay bills for electric and gas service in a timely manner.

After review of the Initial Decision and the Agreement of the parties, the Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that, by the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement, the parties have resolved all outstanding contested issues in this matter. Accordingly, the Board <u>HEREBY ADOPTS</u> the Initial Decision and the Stipulation of Settlement executed by the parties in their entirety as if fully set forth herein.

DATED:

6/10/09

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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 6300-08
AGENCY DKT. NO. EC08060404U

OAKTREE DENTAL LLC.

Petitioner,

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PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC
AND GAS COMPANY

Respondent.

Dina G. Pascaiso, DMD, petitioner, pro se

Sheree L. Kelly, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed:

April 27, 2009

Decided: April 29, 2009

BEFORE DOUGLAS H. HURD, ALJ:

This matter was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law on July 28, 2008, for determination as a contested case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 to -15 and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to -13.

The parties have agreed to a settlement and have prepared a Stipulation of Settlement indicating the terms thereof, which is attached and fully incorporated herein.

OAL DKT. NO. PUC 6300-08

I have reviewed the record and the terms of settlement and I FIND:

The parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their 1.

signatures or their representatives' signatures.

2. The settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with

the law.

I CONCLUDE that this agreement meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1

and that the settlement should be approved. I approve the settlement and therefore

ORDER that the parties comply with the settlement terms and that these proceedings

be concluded.

I hereby FILE my initial decision with the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES for

consideration.

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in

this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision

within forty-five days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this

recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A.

52:14B-10.

April 29, 2009

DATE

Date Received at Agency:

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April 16, 2009

Honorable Douglas H. Hurd Office of Administrative Law Quakerbridge Plaza, Bldg. 9 Quakerbridge Road PO Box 049 Mercerville, NJ 08625-0049

Re:

Oaktree Dental LLC v. PSE&G BPU Docket No. EC08060404U OAL Docket No. PUC 06300-2008S Stipulation of Settlement

Dear Judge Hurd:

Enclosed please find a signed Stipulation of Settlement with reference to the above-captioned matter. Accordingly, please cancel the plenary hearing scheduled for April 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree L. Kelly

SLK/jb Enclosure

cc:

Oaktree Dental LLC (w/enc.) Edward B. Sullivan (w/enc.)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Oaktree Dental LLC Petitioner

OAL Docket No. PUCCC 06300-20088 BPU Docket No. EC08060404U

Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Respondent

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This matter having been brought before the Office of Administrative Law by the Petitioner, Oaktree Dental i.L.C ("Petitioner"), against Respondent Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Respondent") for utility service rendered by PSE&G to the premises 2177 Oaktree Road, Ste. 101, Edison, NJ (the "Property") and the Parties having agreed to settle this matter, hereby set forth the terms and conditions of their settlement agreement as follows:

- 1. Although not agreeing with the merits of the allegations expressed in the Petition. PSE&G agrees to credit Petitioner's account \$4566.20 representing \$3.753.93 for gas and electric charges plus \$810.27 for late payment charges
- 2. After application of the hill credit referenced in Paragraph 1, Petitioner asknowledges that there will still be an outstanding overdue balance on the account owed to PSE&O for past electric and gas service rendered by PSE&G in the amount of \$725.00, which customer agrees to pay within sixty (60) days.
- Going forward, Petitioner agrees to timely pay her PSE&G bill for electric and gas service. 3.

Petitioner: Oaktree Dental, LLC

Respondent: PSFAG

Edward B. Sullivan

Manager Customer Operations

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A copy of the administrative law judge's decision is enclosed.

This decision was mailed to the parties on MAY 12009